



Summary

The accession negotiations of a number of countries were in the spotlight; concerning the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), Karolos Papoulias the Greek President, remarked *"To stimulate the process of the negotiations within the UN Greece recently launched an initiative with which it proposes the signing of a memorandum of cooperation. The government in Skopje, however, did not respond positively on the Greek proposal,"* adding *"I want to make myself clear: we will not give an approval unless a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue is found – a name for broad use, which corresponds to the reality"* (focus-fen.net, BG, 12/11). A spokesperson from the Greek Interior Ministry, Grigoris Delavekouras, called on the European Commissioner for Enlargement, Stefan Fule, to revise his position on the fYRoM, *"If Fule's words are reported correctly in the interview with Reuters, then he would better re-examine the facts he has,"* Delavekouras remarked. In the interview with Reuters Mr Fule commented *"Skopje and Athens are sending positive signals, which show that the dispute's solution may come after the launching of the name issue negotiations"* According to the European Commissioner, the country's endless waiting for EU accession may pose risks of inter-ethnic tension (focus-fen.net, BG, 12/11).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 12/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n292010>
- focus-fen.net, BG, 12/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n292008>

Widely reported in Italy was the report that eight EU countries, on the initiative of Italy and Sweden, supported the idea to give Serbia a conditional date for the start of EU talks as soon as possible, perhaps even in March (mondo.panorama.it, IT, 11/11). The intensity of the talks between the prime ministers of Serbia and Kosovo – Ivica Dacic and Hashim Thaci, revived the hopes that Belgrade may expect positive decision at the EU summit in December, Serbian Vecernje Novosti daily reported. Resuming the dialogue, especially in its current form, will be taken into account by the European leaders, an anonymous source from the European Commission said. The source commented further that Belgrade should meet four conditions to get a date for the accession negotiation's start – to show visible signs for the normalisation of the relations with Kosovo; agreements on the energy and telecommunications; to restore the joint teams at the border crossings (focus-fen.net, BG, 12/11).

- mondo.panorama.it, IT, 11/11, <http://mondo.panorama.it/news/Serbia-Dacic-spinta-Statinegoziato-Ue>
- focus-fen.net, BG, 12/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n292029>

UK Interior Minister, Theresa May, signalled that she was considering proposals ahead of the end of restrictions limiting the number of migrants from Bulgaria and Romania allowed into Britain. The issue will cause a stand-off with the European Commission and European partners, as free movement rules have been a cornerstone of the European Union (Times, UK, 12/11). However in Romania it was reported that Great Britain will not extend the restrictions imposed onto Romanians; Theresa May indicated that London is collaborating with other European capital cities and working on avoiding abuses with the free circulation principle in the EU. She added that extending restrictions would involve cancelling the provisions of the agreements signed with Romania and Bulgaria upon the two states' EU accession. According to EU legislation, more than 29 million Romanian and Bulgarian citizens will have the right to work in Great Britain starting from 2014 (Curierul-National, RO, 12/11). The Sun quoted a Romanian immigrant Nicholas Aorgh who said *"UK is much better than Romania. All my mates will come in 2014"* (Sun-UK, UK, 11/11).

- Times, UK, 12/11 (No link available due to NLA restriction)
- Curierul-National, RO, 12/11, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121112/mi/item_139707645.pdf
- Sun-UK, UK, 11/11 (No link available due to NLA restriction)

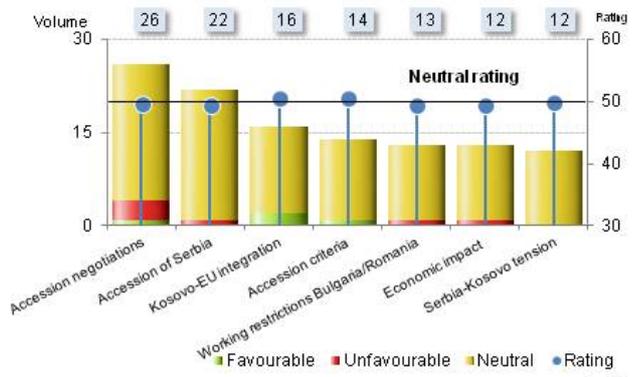
Key Quotes

Nikolay Mladenov: *"Bulgaria does not have problems with FYROM, we have a problem only with the nationalistic rhetoric of some of the political leaders of this country"* (anixneuseis.gr, Greece, 13/11) <http://www.anixneuseis.gr/?p=53043>

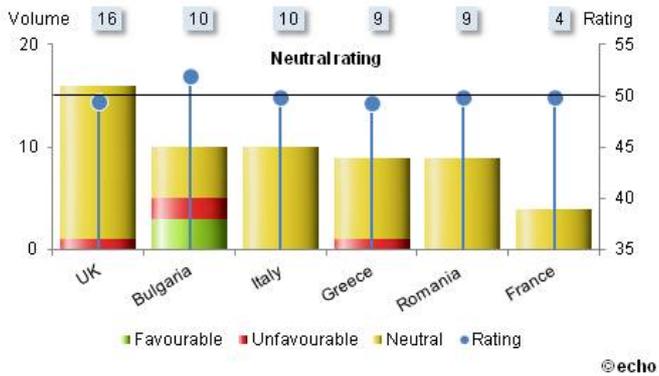
"Utrinski Vesnik": *Romania intends to block Macedonia* (Focus News, Bulgaria, 13/11) <http://www.focus-news.net/index.php?id=n1717164>

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